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KUANTAN: A medical student lost RM14,700 after being duped by a phone call that claimed she was involved in illegal online gambling activities.

Pahang Commercial Crimes Investigation Department chief Supt Mohd Wazir Mohd Yusuf said the 25-year-old woman received the call, allegedly from a telecommunications company, at 2pm on Tuesday.

"The caller claimed that the victim's name was involved in illegal online gambling in Sabah.

"Then, the call was directed to a man, who claimed to be a policeman in Sabah, asking for her per-

sonal information before passing the line to an investigating officer," Supt Mohd Wazir said yesterday.

Supt Mohd Wazir said a third suspect, who introduced himself as a police inspector, ordered the victim to withdraw all of her savings from the bank, amounting to RM14,700.

He said the victim complied and made several transactions into an account given by the suspect, allegedly for the purpose of money laundering investigations by Bank Negara.

The student only realised she was duped after failing to contact the suspect after the transfer had

been done.

A police report was lodged at the Temerloh police headquarters.

Meanwhile, another victim in Temerloh was also cheated of RM32,000 after the suspects used the same *modus operandi*.

Supt Mohd Wazir said the 56-year-old woman received a call at 12.45pm, also on Tuesday, and transferred her money into the suspect's account.

Both cases were being investigated under Section 420 of the Penal Code for cheating, which carries a maximum jail term of 10 years, whipping and a fine, upon conviction. — Bernama

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